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SUBJECT: KUWAIT: STATUS OF ARTICLE 98 APPROVAL

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (S) The Ambassador raised status of Article 98 approval with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah on November 21. Dr. Mohammed restated the GOK had "fast-tracked" the agreement with Parliament, explaining it was currently under review by the Foreign Affairs Committee which would then put it to the floor so that a full vote could be scheduled. He was confident Parliament will approve the measure.

¶2. (C) The Ambassador will meet with Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Mohammed Al-Safer to further discuss the matter.

LeBaron